

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ZONING COMMISSION

ZONING COMMISSION ORDER NO. 199

December 15, 1977

EMERGENCY ORDER

1) The District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act of 1974, Section 203(a), authorizes the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to plan for Federal and/or international projects and developments in the District of Columbia. On October 6, 1977, NCPC adopted a Foreign Missions and International Agencies element of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital (Foreign Missions Element). The Foreign Missions Element recommends goals, objectives, criteria, policies, and implementation proposals for the location of facilities for foreign missions and international agencies in the District of Columbia.

2) The Foreign Missions Element contains a diagram which describes:

- (a) areas where both chanceries and international agencies may locate; and
- (b) areas where only chanceries may locate. It also includes eight "Uptown Centers" where chanceries and International agencies may also locate.

3) Under the existing District of Columbia Zoning Regulations, chancery facilities and international agencies may locate as of right in all "C", "CM", "M", "CR", and "W" zone districts provided such facilities do not exceed the height, density and other requirements of these zones. The regulations also permit chancery facilities as special exceptions in the R-5-C, R-5-D and SP zone districts. Chanceries and international agencies may not locate in the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5-A, and R-5-B zone districts.

Therefore, the Zoning Commission resolves that an emergency exists and hereby orders, for a period not to exceed 120 days or until adoption of a final order or orders in Gases Nos. 77-45 and 77-46, whichever shall **occurr** first, the following amendments to the Zoning Regulations:

1. Add a new Sub-section 8103.8 as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these regulations, no building shall be used and no building permit shall be issued for a chancery or international agency in any areas in the District of Columbia not designated for such use on the diagram (NCPC Map File No. 04.00/100.00-28349, September 30, 1977) in the Foreign Missions and International Agencies element af the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

2. Add a new Sub-section 8104.11 as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these regulations, no building shall be used and no certificate of occupancy shall be issued for a chancery or international agency in any areas in the District of Columbia not designated for such use on the diagram (NCPC Map File No. 04.00/100.00-28349, September 30, 1977) in the Foreign Missions and International Agencies element of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

3. Add a new definition in Section 1202 as follows:

"International Agency" means a public international agency in which the United States participates pursuant to any treaty or under the authority of any Act of Congress authorizing such participation or making an appropriation for such participation, and which has been designated by the President through appropriate Executive Order as entitled to enjoy the privileges, exemptions, and immunities provided in the International Organization Immunities Act of 1945, as amended.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

ATTESTED:

  
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STEVEN E. SHER  
Executive Director

This Order was adopted by the Zoning Commission at its 707th Meeting held on December 15, 1977 by a vote of 3-0 (Walter B. Lewis, John G. Parsons and Theodore F. Mariani to adopt, Ruby B. McZier and and George M. White not present, not voting).